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Welcome to the August 2023 Newsletter

Lots to enjoy and appreciate during July for the residents of Eckington.



Full coverage of event on pages 14-15

Eckstock - the greatest show in Eckington and beyond took place. A huge extravaganza of entertainment hosted at the recreation ground by an amazingly dedicated team of volunteers. Music, refreshments, fun and exciting activities as always, despite the weather this awesome event was enjoyed by an appreciative village. All funds raised go to Friends of Eckington School and Eckington Under Fives.

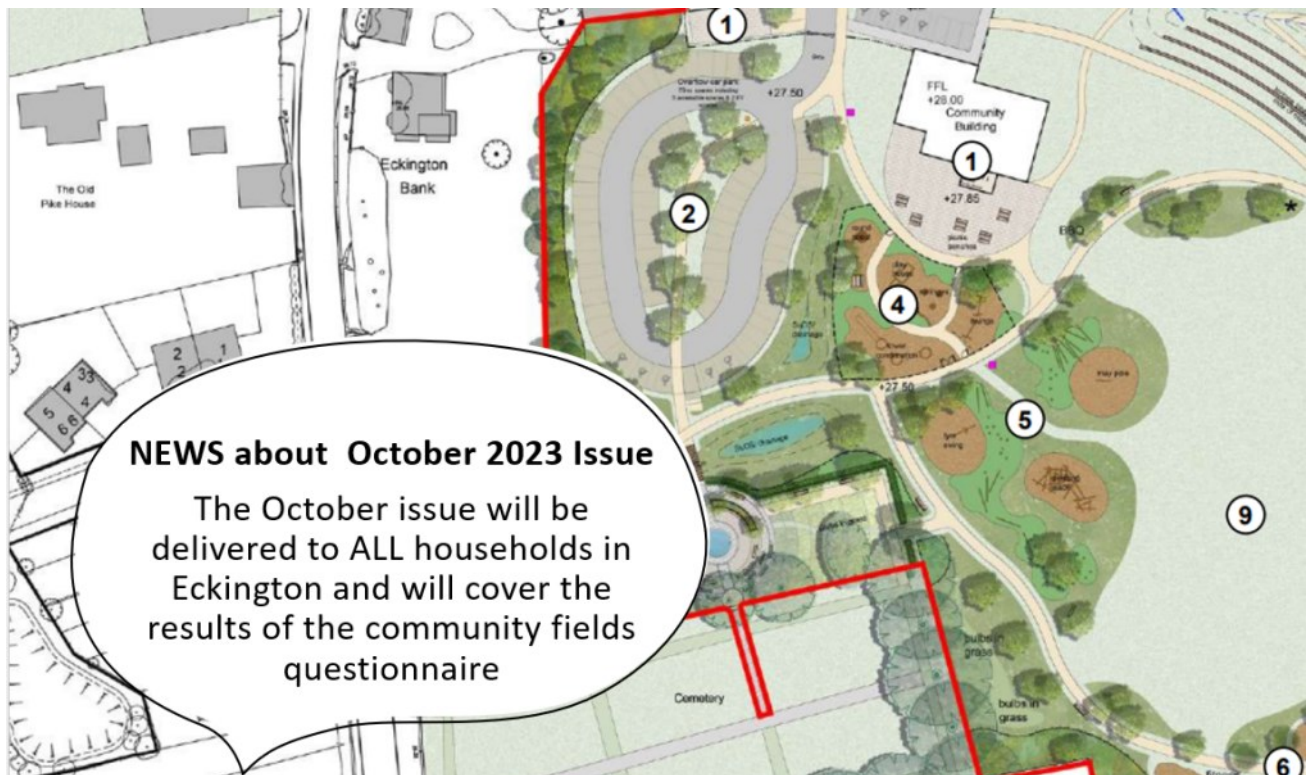
A busy month for our sporting hero's with rounders, 5-a-side football and cross-country. Full report page 5.

Wychavon Games Parish Games 2023



Eckington CoE School leavers are set to move on in their next educational journey having been given the foundations to support them. A leavers ceremony took place at Eckington Church on the 19th July - full report page 17.

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Calendar

August

1st Sunday	Quiz @ The Bell
2nd Tuesday	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
2nd Thursday	Mobile Library 09:45 to 10::00—Upper End, Eckington 10:05 to 10:20—Glenmoor, Eckington
Every Thursday	Everyone Welcome 10am-12pm Coffee Morning @ Eckington Church
26th	Aunty Jen Productions performance of 'The Wind in the Willows' at the Village Hall



ECKINGTON Bridge will be closed for a month this summer for repairs - Highways chiefs have confirmed the bridge will be **closed for four weeks from July 25** to allow for the rebuild of the safety barrier on the edge

September

1st Sunday	Quiz @ The Bell
2nd Tuesday	Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm
2nd Tuesday	Bredon Boat Races
2nd Thursday	Mobile Library 09:45 to 10::00—Upper End, Eckington 10:05 to 10:20—Glenmoor, Eckington
Every Thursday	Everyone Welcome 10am-12pm Coffee Morning @ Eckington Church
Saturday 16th	Antiques/collectables sale at the Village Hall

October

14th Saturday	Brain of Eckington at the Village Hall
20th Friday	Wine Tasting evening at the Village Hall



December

Friday 29th	Aunty Jen Productions performance of 'Puss in Boots' at the Village Hall
Saturday 30th	



Do you have something to share with Eckington Village?



Drop us an email @
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3pm—4pm ish
4th Sundays

27 August, Eckington, Picnic and stories
24 September, Elmley Castle, Harvest
22 October, Eckington, Halloween: Light Party
26 November, Elmley Castle, Advent Waiting

December, Crib Services, Elmley Parish and Eckington

Exploring the Christian faith together with all ages through fun activities outside and inside. Everyone welcome



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- Boost your income

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MEN IN SHEDS
Project

Please could you help Age UK and Wychavon District Council by taking some time to answer our survey?

We are researching access to social groups and the potential for setting up **a Men in Sheds group** in your community.

For more information, contact Age UK's Referral Hub:

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Eckington Village Hall

26th Aug	Aunty Jen Productions - The Wind in The Willows - see page 19
16th Sep	Antiques/collectables sale
14th Oct	Brain of Eckington
20th Oct	Wine Tasting
29th/30th Dec	Aunty Jen Productions - Puss in Boots

Eckington Village Hall New Committee Update

Following on from the AGM, I am pleased to announce that a **new committee has been elected.**

Cynthia Norton will continue with bookings until the end of this year.

Alan Mole will continue as Treasurer until the end of the financial year (April 2024) when Phil Rice will take over this position.

I will retire from the committee at the end of August and would like to say a big thank you to Alan and Cynthia for all their years of service to the Village and our Hall.

The new committee are an enthusiastic team and have started planning some great events for Autumn, Christmas and the New Year. I wish them every success and hope residents will give them every support.

- Chairman: Steve Trew
- Secretary: Viv Trew
- Treasurer: Alan Mole
- Vice treasurer: Phil Rice
- Bookings : Angela Townsend (2024)



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Church Service Rota for August 2023

Date	Time	Place	Presiding
6 th August 2023	09.00am	Little Comberton	Reverend Caroline Green
	09.00am	Besford	Rev Allison
	10.45am	Bredon	Rev Allison
13 th August 23	09.00am	Overbury	Rev Katryn
	10.45am	Eckington	Rev Katryn
	10.45	Little Comberton Café Church	Peter Hayes
20 th August 23	9.00am	Bredon's Norton	Reverend Catherine Lack
	10.45am	Elmley	Rev Katryn
	10.45am	Ashton Under Hill	Lay Led
	10.45am	Bredon Village Worship	Lay Led
27 th August 23	9.00am	Defford	Rev Katryn
	10.45am	Beckford	Rev Katryn
	6.00pm	Great Comberton Evening Worship	Rev Katryn and Lay Led

Allison & Katryn will on annual leave; there will be no Midweek Communions during August

Taking time to do less—Archdeacon of Worcester, Robert Jones



On the whole August is the holiday month, and life slows down for many people. It has a particular significance for me as I prepare to retire in the autumn, hoping that slowing down might become something of a more regular feature of my life. People keep telling me that I'll never know how I found the time to work. Others ask me what I am going to do, and what plans I might have. All of which are good questions and, no doubt, shrewd observations, but also rather alarming for someone like me who was thinking retirement might be about having a rest and a bit of space to do what you like! There is a time for doing lots of things, and, I believe, there is a time for doing nothing – though clearly not, in the latter case, as a full-time activity or lack of activity. We need the stimulation of people, places and events. However, in a hectic world where we are

so often measured by what we do or achieve, by our successes and achievements, it is perhaps good from time to time to learn simply to be. How often do we ask someone on meeting them for the first time, 'well, what do you do then?', as if this is the most important thing about anyone. I know it is harder to ask 'who are you?' or 'what excites you in life?' Yet the story of who we are is so much bigger than what we do for a living. Perhaps this is something we can learn from those who are retired. We carry this over into our prayer life as well, which so often can become very busy and wordy. It was Rowan Williams, a former archbishop, who described prayer as akin to sun-bathing. You don't actually do very much, but wallow in the warm rays of God's love. By the way, I can't actually imagine this particular archbishop sun-bathing - and yet, I do like the image of prayer being about us simply soaking up God's love. Maybe that is something for which I might find more time in retirement.



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Sun June 25 th Home 40 overs	Corse Lawn 173-8 (Rob Thorner 6-29) Eckington 174-3 (Luke Flowers 63, Matt Rawlings 40, J Green 28, J Thomas 23no)	Won by 7 wickets
Wed June 28 th Away	Peopleton	Cancelled
Sun July 2 nd Home 40 Overs	Eckington 209 (L Flowers 52, J Green 41no, A Thorner 38, C Icke33) Gotherington 204-8	Won by 5 runs
Sun July 9 th Home	Asian Sports	Cancelled
Sun July 16 th Away 35 Overs	Kingsholm 134 - 8 (A Thorner 3-21) Eckington 138-4 J McCracken 40, C Icke 33no)	Won by 6 wickets with one over to spare
Wed July 19 th Away 20 Overs	Ashton-Under-Hill 136-2 Eckington 138-6 (J Green 28 rtd, G Bunn 25 rtd, C Fincher 25 rtd, J Thomas 24)	Won by 4 wickets with 3 balls to spare

Future Fixtures are:

Sun	July 23rd	Peopleton (A) 1pm
Sun	July 30th	Overbury (H) 2pm
Sun	Aug 6th	Harvington (H) 1:30pm
Sun	Aug 13th	Corse & Staunton (A) 1:30pm
Sun	Aug 27th	Flyford Flavell (A) 1:30pm
Sun	Sep 3rd	Bayshill (A) 1:00pm

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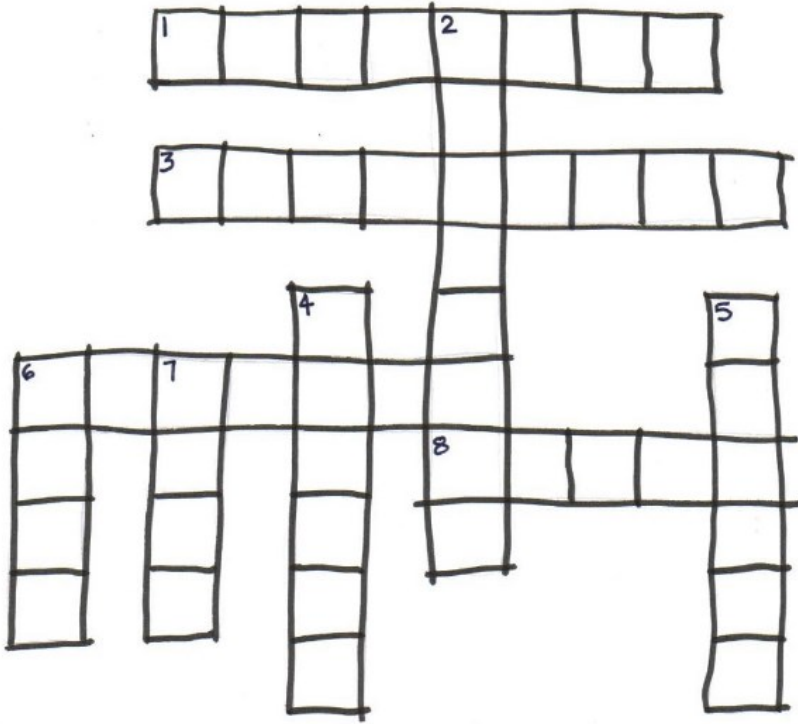
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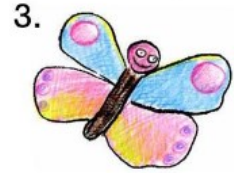
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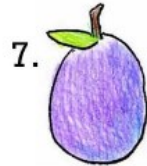
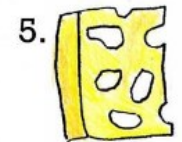
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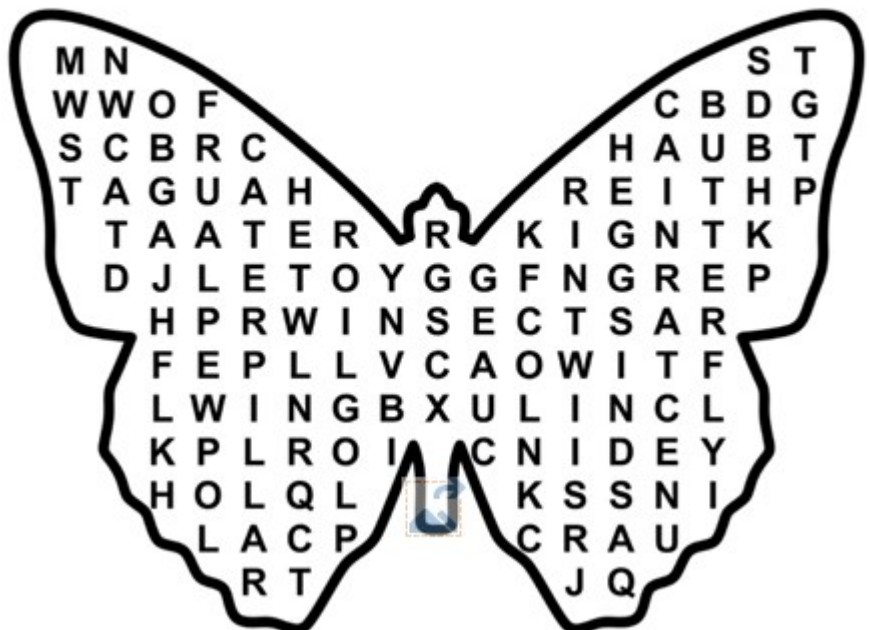


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Butterfly Word Search

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- CHRYSLIS
- EGGS
- INSECT
- BUTTERFLY
- NECTAR



Childrens' Activities & Offers Summer 2023



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<p><u>Mascot Madness!</u> Free Drop-in - Ages 5+ Race along with your own reading mascot!</p>	<p>25/07/23 10am - 2pm</p>	<p>26/07/23 10am - 2pm</p>	<p>28/07/23 10am - 2pm</p>
<p><u>Celebrate Your Team!</u> Free Drop-in - Ages 5+ Make foam fingers and bunting to support your favourite team and tell us why you're a star with an interactive display!</p>	<p>01/08/23 10am - 2pm</p>	<p>02/08/23 10am - 2pm</p>	<p>04/08/23 10am - 2pm</p>
<p><u>Dogs Trust Workshop</u> Free Booking - Ages 7+ No real dogs Learn how to be safe and behave around dogs!</p>	<p>09/08/23 10am - 11am</p>	<p>09/08/23 1:30pm - 2:30pm</p>	<p>-----</p>
<p><u>Don't Get 'Board'!</u> Free Drop-in - Ages 5+ Make some fun board games to keep you busy over the summer!</p>	<p>15/08/23 10am - 2pm</p>	<p>16/08/23 10am - 2pm</p>	<p>18/08/23 10am - 2pm</p>
<p><u>Mini Tekkers!</u> Free Drop-in - Ages 5+ Create your own table football game to show off your tekkers and join other craft activities!</p>	<p>22/08/23 10am - 2pm</p>	<p>23/08/23 10am - 2pm</p>	<p>25/08/23 10am - 2pm</p>

All regular weekly activities are ongoing throughout the summer including singing sessions, Duplo and Lego! Speak to a member of staff for details!

For latest updates visit **Worcestershire Libraries** at:
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Welcome to Holy Trinity Church, Eckington

Holy Trinity Church is believed to be more than 800 years old.

The substantial tower is a local landmark and stands at the west end of the south aisle. The tower houses the bell chamber; the first bells were installed in 1552. At the east end there is a large chancel thought to date back to the early 14th century. The oldest part of the nave is Norman (about 1150) and has a beautiful west doorway. The nave roof dates from the 15th century and is made of oak. The south aisle (12th/13th centuries) is joined to the nave by wonderful Norman Columns. A north aisle was added in 1831 and is used for many activities. A pipe organ was installed in early 20th century. Choir stalls were added in 1924, pews in 1933 and the lighting was renewed in 2012. The most impressive memorial is that of John Hanford and his wife Anne and is situated in the chancel.

A ramp for wheel access is situated in the porch.



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Against all the odds, Eckstock prevailed. It was an amazing day and a reminder of what makes this village epic! It was an Eckstock that stood in the face of the wind and rain and sang! Live music was provided by the oodles of talent in the village with some familiar and new faces taking to the stage, giving their time for free, including countless rehearsals and lugging of kit, while Chris and Jon were on hand to twiddle the buttons and light the lights. And while the music rang out the kids could shelter from the storm in their own huge marquee and enjoy the incredible kids craft laid on by Carolyn and



the games that kept the kids entertained care of FOES and Nadine, all supported by volunteers who answered the last minute rally cry. The bar served up your favourite tiple with a healthy dose of banter from the bar crew, under the watchful eye of Kerry or maybe a slice of cake and a warm brew was more your style care of Eckington Under Fives,

who did a fabulous job of converting the rec into a lovely

tea sipping and cake eating sanctuary. Throw in some circus shenanigans, a dude on stilts in 40mph winds making HUGE bubbles, The Bell BBQ, a smoothie made on a bike! and a painted face and what you end up with is Eckstock, an Eckington tradition that is well over 10 years old, with all the profits going into local causes, our school and pre-school. It is hard to believe that Eckstock is run entirely by volunteers, everything you see, hear, eat, touch and enjoy is there because someone has taken the time to put it there. Following many months of planning and meetings in the pub, the dependable band of Eckstock die-hards rock up at 8am Friday morning, ready to bash in pegs, put up signage, dress the marquees and beg, borrow and steal anything that is required to turn a plain old field into a festival.





And when the dust has settled from a day of merriment, the site is cleared, litter is picked and you would never know we have been there. Thank you to everyone who creates Eckstock and gives up their time to be part of this special event.



Saturday Performers

- Nick Williams
- Drum Like Dave Performance
- Royalty
- Eckington School Kids
- Sky and Milly Redfern
- Second Crossing
- The Brethryn
- B3
- The Craftys
- The Debbie Parry Band
- Where's Martin
- Take A Chance On Three (+Dave)

And thank you to all the Eckstockers who shrugged on their rain coats and slipped into their wellies to brave the wind and rain and helped us raise money and have a blast of a day.



It may not have been a typical Eckstock, but it will be remembered as the day the village pulled together, pitched against the elements and celebrated what makes this village the best place to live.

***So until next year, enjoy the memories
and we will see you in 2024!***

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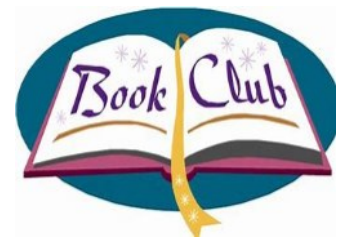


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Parish Walks 2023



These are led walks in our beautiful countryside; all are welcome so do come and enjoy it with us. Sorry, no dogs. **Walks start at 7 pm and we allow 2 hours to walk about 4 miles**, talking to old friends and making new ones.

Here are the walks for July and August. *You may like to make a voluntary donation of 50p per head at the start of each walk which goes to charity.*

7th August - Gill and Roger - Elmley Castle

Our August walk starts at the picnic and parking area opposite the cricket club at Elmley Castle. 4miles, two hours, mainly flat, some road walking, a few stiles,.....quite easy.

14th August - Ray - Bredon/Kemerton/Overbury

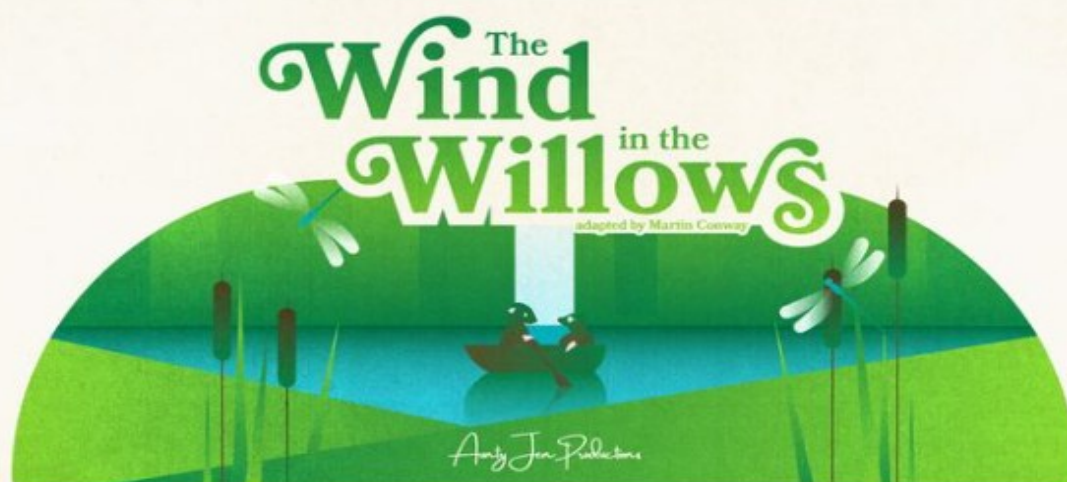
The last walk of 2023 followed perhaps by a drink to mark the occasion. Meet at Eckington Road playing field car park, Bredon. We walk to the south of Kemerton Rd, cross at Kemerton or Overbury, and return to the north of Kemerton Road. A flat walk on pavements and footpaths.

Aunty Jen

The Wind in the Willows is coming to Eckington Village Hall!

We can't wait to entertain you all with this family friendly production. Follow the event for announcements/more info, or you can book tickets here:

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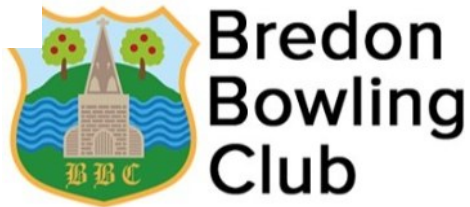
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Bredon Bowling Club

Watch Jack in World Bowls Para Men's Pairs 29 Aug-10 Sep, Queensland, Australia

The club had a great win in the South West Triples Gala held recently, and the team is pictured below. Congratulations, Pete (our Vice-Captain), Moz and Curly. Runners-up were Pershore B Team. Well done, Bredon, two years in a row.



On 24 June we when Jack Pullin organised an invitation match against Disability had a very special day BOWLS England, and the visitors are pictured .



There was a great atmosphere, with many Bredon members turning out in support of the match. One of the visiting team was celebrating his 14th birthday, which also added to the occasion.

We all send Jack our best wishes for the Para Men's Pairs at the World Bowls Championships, to be held in Queensland, Australia, beginning on 29 August until 10 September. It is a great honour for Jack, his mum and dad, and his wider family at Bredon Bowling Club. This is the first time the para disciplines have been included by World Bowls in this pinnacle event.

Ann Bruckshaw

Please have a browse around our web site and if you have any questions, please get in touch - we would love to hear from you. Remember social membership is also available at a very reasonable cost. Our web site is www.bredonbowlingclub.co.uk, and our secretary is Ian Day, 07587 168789.

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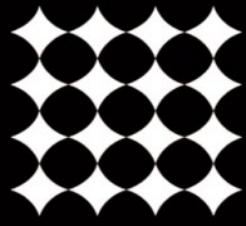
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Talented Eckington Ladies take joint second in Annual Craft Competition

Our July speaker was Chris O'Grady on the theme of 'Fakes and Fortunes'. What an remarkable speaker he was telling us humorous tales about antiques and treasures and that these can still be found at car boots and charity shops. Chris gave a very interesting slide show along with his talk and then examined some items that members had taken along. The July coffee morning was held at the Bell and although the Bell has now altered their opening times to 11.30am Steve was well prepared for us arriving at the usual 11am to enjoy our coffee and a natter.

Well what can we say about bad luck with the weather for the village 'Eckstock' event but typical of Eckington village people there was a wonderful support and a successful happy event. WI as usual were on duty selling wristbands at the car park. Last year we had a large umbrella to go under for shade as we were having a heatwave, this year it was far too windy to have an umbrella up to keep dry from the rain but we all enjoyed taking part.

Eckington WI are proud to report that this month we took part in the Worcestershire Federation of W I's annual craft competition. The overall theme of the competition was 'Rivers and Waterways' and we entered two sections. One was photography with the title of 'Reflections' and sadly we came nowhere and the second was a co-operative exhibit entitled 'A picnic by the river'. The whole display had to reflect the theme and four areas were judged. The cookery section was five savoury scones, the preserve was a jar of Apple chutney, the craft section was a knitted 'Ratty' (from Wind in the Willows) and the last section was the actual staging and interpretation of the theme. We are delighted to be able to report that we came joint second with only half a point away from the winner.

What talented WI ladies we have in Eckington.



The title of our August meeting is 'Travels with Cheese' where we will be having a cheese tasting but you have to try to identify what area the cheese comes from. The evening will be quite informal and full of fun and a chance to have a good natter and taste delicious cheeses. This will be on **Wednesday 2nd August at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**, visitors welcome - £4 admission includes refreshments and of course a cheese tasting.

Our next coffee morning is on **Tuesday 8th August at 11am at the Anchor**, any ladies are welcome to join us for a coffee and a natter.

On Tuesday 22nd August we shall have lunch at a pub near Diglis Worcester and then onto a guided tour of Diglis island and Fish pass.

If you would like more information about any of the above or generally about WI, please email us at eckingtonwi@gmail.com. You can also check us out on Facebook or visit our website: eckingtonwi.weebly.com

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Rotary
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For the first time, the Club will have three Joint Presidents

July marks the end of one Rotary year and the start of another for Pershore Rotary with several changes and some new ideas planned. For the first time, the Club will have three Joint Presidents - the first being Lucy Thornton.



One of the new ideas is to have a Community Representative in Pershore and in each of our local villages. They will be the eyes and ears of Pershore Rotary and a local contact for individuals or groups needing help. These Rotarians will make themselves known to their communities and, over the course of the year, Club members will visit each of the villages, spending an evening in a local pub where we can meet people and hear about any issues. These events will take place on the following dates and locations between 6.30pm and 8.00pm.

- 9 August – Coach & Horses at Pinvin
- 13 September – The Anchor at Wyre Piddle

In addition, Pershore Rotary has two spectacular charity shows coming up in September. At 7.30pm on Saturday, 2 September join us for an audience with 'Royal' photographer, Jack Boskett, as he entertains us with photos and stories

'From Railways to Royalty and Everything In Between'. Number 8 in Pershore is the venue and tickets costing £15 can be bought online at www.number8.org. All funds raised from this event will be donated to the Midlands Air Ambulance charity.

Just a week later, at 7.00pm on Saturday, 9 September, we will welcome the Johns' Boys Choir to Pershore Abbey. This will be their first live performance since competing in ITV's 'Britain's Got Talent' show a few weeks ago. They have performed at the Symphony Hall, Birmingham, Royal Northern College of Music and the Millennium Centre, Cardiff, when they sang the anthems for the Wales v New Zealand rugby international. Tickets costing from £15 can be bought online at www.ticketsource.co.uk and all funds raised will be donated to the Alzheimer's Society.

Whether you support your own community or overseas, Pershore Rotary is here to help

.If you can help us and want to know more, follow us on Facebook or check out our website at www.pershorerotary.club.

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Pershore and District Volunteer Centre puts volunteering at the heart of the community to reduce rural and social isolation for local people.

The Community services carried out by Pershore & District Volunteer Centre are wide-ranging.

Community Services Introduction

The activities carried out by Pershore Volunteer Centre are wide-ranging and include:

Social Car Scheme

Our Social Car Scheme was set up to address the increasing trend of isolation in rural communities for people who have little or no access to transport. People who would not otherwise be able to leave their homes to visit friends and relatives or travel easily within the area. The fares are very low and comparable with local bus fares, with a concession of £1/journey for clients with a valid bus pass.

Although our services are dependent upon the availability of volunteers, we are able to offer travel for:

- social activities, including shopping; visiting friends and relatives;
- attending lunch clubs or other community events;
- medical appointments including surgeries, clinics and hospitals throughout Worcestershire.

Journeys can be booked by phone or in person but we need a minimum of 2 working days' notice. We can provide a maximum of 2 journeys per week to make sure that the service is available to as many people as possible, unless there are exceptional circumstances

Community Services



We can also offer wheelchair accessible vehicle with 4 seats (including driver) and room for friends or relatives.

Recruitment & Placement of Volunteers

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Lunch Club

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Resource Centre

The Resource Centre provides office facilities and meeting rooms for the use of individuals and non-profit-making organisations. Please see the resources page for more information.

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Tel: 01386 554299

Email: admin@pershorevolunteers.org.uk

<https://pershorevolunteers.org.uk/>

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2nd July - Rounders Sunday 2nd July saw Eckington field a team at rounders in Badsey. No top 3 placing this time but valuable 5 points on the table and lots of fun.



15th July - 5-a-side-football - Well done to the lads who played It was a tough group that you were drawn in. It's still 4 points to Eckingtons total.



1st Place for Eckington Cross Country Team

17th July - Cross Country - Eckington Cross Country team went out fuelled after a weekend of partying at Eckstock. Achieving an total of 98 points which meant an overall 1st place. 5km (3.1miles) following Evesham parkrun, with a great field of runners from each parish. Outstanding team performance and an absolutely pleasure to watch what our villagers are capable of! Well done to all those who stepped up. All came in under 23mins - 16 points Smashed it!



Next Competition Dates

23rd July - Pétanque

6th Aug - Bowls

16th Sep - Angling

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